

2026 Obstetric Services Bed Need Projection

OB Area ¹	OB Bed Inventory ²	Current Utilization Trend				Current and Projected Female Population Ages 15-44				Projected Days of Care	Bed Need Projection			Current Aggregate Utilization ⁴		Final Outcome
		2020 OB Days ³	2021 OB Days ³	2020+2021 OB Days	Average OB Utilization Rate	Population in 2020	Population in 2021	Population In Both Years	Projected Population in 2026		Gross Need at 75% Occupancy	Net Excess or Surplus	Net Beds Needed	2020	2021	
1	94	13,058	13,308	26,366	7.49%	175,320	176,759	352,079	181,359	13,581	50	44	0	38.06%	38.79%	No Need
2	106	26,998	28,260	55,258	19.57%	139,772	142,528	282,300	155,404	30,419	112	0	6	69.78%	73.04%	No Need
3	780	173,632	180,814	354,446	17.37%	1,016,404	1,024,506	2,040,910	1,044,451	181,390	663	117	0	60.99%	63.51%	No Need
4	77	14,574	14,921	29,495	13.95%	105,133	106,233	211,366	110,206	15,379	57	20	0	51.86%	53.09%	No Need
5	58	12,769	13,017	25,786	9.21%	139,071	141,057	280,128	149,916	13,800	51	7	0	60.32%	61.49%	No Need
6	109	15,768	17,305	33,073	16.46%	100,382	100,567	200,949	100,541	16,547	61	48	0	39.63%	43.50%	No Need
7	114	18,631	18,498	37,129	19.41%	95,587	95,704	191,291	94,951	18,430	68	46	0	44.78%	44.46%	No Need
8	104	12,100	13,002	25,102	18.25%	69,066	68,454	137,520	65,080	11,879	44	60	0	31.88%	34.25%	No Need
9	41	5,340	5,474	10,814	10.35%	52,195	52,317	104,512	52,421	5,424	20	21	0	35.68%	36.58%	No Need
10	81	11,630	11,546	23,176	17.42%	66,642	66,379	133,021	64,505	11,239	42	39	0	39.34%	39.05%	No Need
11	75	11,845	11,919	23,764	14.37%	82,521	82,893	165,414	83,760	12,033	44	31	0	43.27%	43.54%	No Need
12	138	25,066	25,829	50,895	16.57%	153,215	153,858	307,073	155,359	25,750	95	43	0	49.76%	51.28%	No Need
1,777		341,411	353,893	695,304		2,195,308	2,211,255	4,406,563	2,257,953	355,871	1,307	476	6	52.64%	54.56%	

Notes:

¹ Effective April 1, 2003, the health planning areas for Obstetric Services were aligned to the twelve (12) State Service Delivery Regions (SSDR) as defined in O.C.G.A. § 50-4-7. The SSDR boundaries replace the previous thirteen health planning areas. The new planning areas were adopted by official action of the Health Strategies Council pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 31-6-20. See DCH Public Notice of March 3, 2003. SSDRs were amended effective Jul 1, 2005.

² Inventory based on approved and existing OB beds as of 3/28/2022. Includes programs who closed OB beds within the last 12-months.

³ Represents data reported in the Annual Hospital Questionnaire (Perinatal Addendum).

⁴ If numeric need for OB beds is projected in a region this need must also be accompanied by Aggregate Utilization of at least 75% in both of the most recent survey years to meet the criteria specified in 111-2-2-.24(3)(a)4 for new or expanded OB beds.

Sources:

2020 and 2021 Annual Hospital Questionnaire (Perinatal Addendum), Office of Health Planning
 2020, 2021, and 2026 Resident Population Projections 2018-2030 (4/1/2021 Release), Governor's Office of Planning and Budget.